

## UPDATE ON THE LIMITED ENTRY PROGRAM

Situation: On December 15, 1999, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published final regulations implementing the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) fishery management plan (FMP) (Attachment D.1.a.). Among its provisions, the FMP established a limited entry program for coastal pelagic finfish fisheries (northern anchovy, Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, and jack mackerel), market squid is not included in the limited entry program.

Starting January 1, 2000, fishers harvesting coastal pelagic finfish south of 39° N latitude (Pt. Arena) must have a limited entry permit on board their vessels. To qualify for a permit, a vessel must have landed at least 100 metric tons of coastal pelagic finfish between January 1, 1993, and November 5, 1997. The permit is issued to the current owner of the qualifying vessel, and can only be transferred once during the year 2000. After 2000, a permit cannot be transferred to another vessel or another person, but lost vessels may be replaced.

### Council Action:

- 1. If necessary, provide direction to Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Council staff about modifying or revising limited entry qualifying and/or transferability requirements.**

### Reference Materials:

1. *Federal Register*, vol. 64, no. 240, pp. 69888-69898, December 15, 1999 (Attachment D.1.a.).
2. NMFS Report on Implementation of the CPS FMP (Attachment D.1.b.).

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